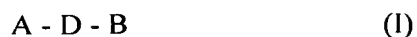


1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A compound of Formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

D is -NH-C(O)-NH-,

A is of the formula: -L-(M-L¹)_q, where

L is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl bound directly to D,

L¹ is phenyl substituted by -C(O)R_x, pyridinyl substituted by -C(O)R_x, or isoindoline ~~a 5 to 6 membered hetaryl moiety substituted by at least one substituent, -C(O)R_x, wherein the heteroatoms of said hetaryl moiety consist of nitrogen,~~

M is oxygen,

q is 1 and

B is a substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted quinolinyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted isoquinolinyl group,

where B is substituted, L is substituted or L¹ is additionally substituted, the substituents are selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halo, and W_n, where n is 0-3;

R_x is NR_aR_b where R_a and R_b are,

a) independently hydrogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, ~~C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy~~, C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkenoyl, phenyl, pyridinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuryl, substituted C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl, substituted phenyl, substituted pyridinyl, substituted piperazinyl, substituted morpholinyl, substituted piperidinyl, substituted pyrrolidinyl, or substituted tetrahydrofuryl, ~~C₆₋₁₂-aryl, C₃₋₁₂-hetaryl which is a 5-12 carbon atom aromatic ring system of 1-3 rings, at least one of which is aromatic, in which 1-3 carbon atoms are replaced by heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, 5-6 membered C₃₋₁₂-cycloalkyl having 0-3 heteroatoms selected from N, S and O, substituted C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy, substituted 5-6 membered C₃₋₁₀-cycloalkyl, having 0-3 heteroatoms selected from N, S and O, substituted C₆₋₁₂-aryl, substituted C₃₋₁₂-hetaryl which is a 5-12 carbon atom aromatic ring system of 1-3 rings, at least one of which is~~

aromatic, in which 1-3 carbon atoms are replaced by heteroatoms selected from N, S and O, where R_a and R_b are a substituted group, they are substituted by halogen up to per halo, hydroxy, C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkoxy, C_{3-10} cycloalkyl, phenyl, pyridinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuryl, 5-6 membered C_{3-12} cycloalkyl having 0-3 heteroatoms selected from O, S and N, C_{3-12} hetaryl which is a 5-12 carbon atom aromatic ring system of 1-3 rings, at least one of which is aromatic, in which 1-3 carbon atoms are replaced by heteroatoms selected from N, S and O, C_{1-10} alkoxy, C_{6-12} aryl, halo-substituted C_{1-6} alkyl up to per halo alkyl, halo-substituted C_6-C_{12} aryl up to per halo aryl, halo-substituted 5-6 membered C_3-C_{12} cycloalkyl having 0-3 heteroatoms selected from N, S and O, up to per halo cycloalkyl, halo-substituted C_3-C_{12} hetaryl which is a 5-12 carbon atom aromatic ring system of 1-3 rings, at least one of which is aromatic, in which 1-3 carbon atoms are replaced by heteroatoms selected from N, S and O, up to per halo hetaryl, halo-substituted phenyl up to per halo phenyl, halo-substituted pyridinyl, up to per halo pyridinyl, halo-substituted morpholinyl, up to per halo morpholinyl, halo-substituted piperidinyl, up to per halo piperidinyl, halo-substituted pyrrolidinyl, up to per halo pyrrolidinyl, or halo-substituted tetrahydrofuryl up to per halo tetrahydrofuryl,

each W is independently -CN, $-CO_2R^7$, $-C(O)NR^7R^7$, $-C(O)-R^7$, $-NO_2$, $-OR^7$, $-SR^7$, $-NR^7R^7$, $-NR^7C(O)OR^7$, $-NR^7C(O)R^7$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_1-C_{10} alkenoyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrazolyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or tetrahydrofuryl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_{3-12} hetaryl which is a 5-12 carbon atom aromatic ring system of 1-3 rings, at least one of which is aromatic, in which 1-3 carbon atoms are replaced by heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, substituted C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkenoyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl substituted phenyl, substituted pyridinyl, substituted pyrazolyl substituted piperazinyl, substituted morpholinyl, substituted piperidinyl, substituted pyrrolidinyl, or substituted tetrahydrofuryl, substituted C_6-C_{12} aryl or substituted C_3-C_{12} hetaryl which is a 5-12 carbon atom aromatic ring system of 1-3 rings, at least one of which is

~~aromatic, in which 1-3 carbon atoms are replaced by heteroatoms selected from O, N and S;~~

where W is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents which are each, independently, -CN, -CO₂R⁷, -C(O)R⁷, -C(O)NR⁷R⁷, -OR⁷, -SR⁷, -NR⁷R⁷, -NO₂, -NR⁷C(O)R⁷, -NR⁷C(O)OR⁷ or halogen,

each R⁷ is independently H, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy, C₂-C₁₀ alkenyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkenoyl, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, phenyl or pyridinyl ~~C₆-C₁₄-aryl, C₃-C₁₂ hetaryl which is a 5-12 carbon atom aromatic ring system of 1-3 rings, at least one of which is aromatic, in which 1-3 carbon atoms are replaced by heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, up to per-halosubstituted pyridinyl, C₃-C₁₂ hetaryl which is a 5-12 carbon atom aromatic ring system of 1-3 rings, at least one of which is aromatic, in which 1-3 carbon atoms are replaced by heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, up to per-halosubstituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl or up to per-halosubstituted~~ phenyl ~~C₆-C₁₄-aryl~~.

3. **(Previously Presented)** A compound as in claim 2 wherein L' is phenyl or pyridinyl.

4. **(Previously Presented)** A compound as in claim 2 wherein the cyclic structures of B and L bound directly to D are substituted in the ortho position by hydrogen.

5. **(Previously Presented)** A compound of claim 2 wherein B of Formula I is a substituted pyridyl, substituted quinoliny or substituted isoquinoliny group substituted 1 to 3 times by one or more substituents which are each, independently, -CN, halogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy, -OH, up to per halo substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, up to per halo substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy or phenyl substituted by halogen up to per halo.

6. **(Canceled)**

7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently amended) A compound of claim 2, wherein L¹ is phenyl or pyridinyl, ~~pyridinyl or pyrimidinyl~~.
10. (Currently amended) A compound of claim 5, wherein L¹ is phenyl or pyridinyl, ~~pyridinyl or pyrimidinyl~~.
11. (Canceled)
12. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 2 wherein L¹ is additionally substituted 1 to 3 times by one or more substituents which are each, independently, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, up to per halo substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, -CN, -OH, halogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy or up to per halo substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 10 wherein L¹ is additionally substituted 1 to 3 times by one or more substituents which are each, independently, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, up to per halo substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, -CN, -OH, halogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy or up to per halo substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy.
15. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 2 wherein L¹ is substituted only by -C(O)R_x.
16. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 2 wherein L¹ is substituted by -C(O)R_x wherein R_x is NR_aR_b and R_a and R_b are independently hydrogen or C₁ - C₁₀ alkyl.
17. (Previously presented) A compound of claim 3 wherein L¹ is substituted by -C(O)R_x, wherein R_x is NR_aR_b and R_a and R_b are independently hydrogen or C₁ - C₁₀ alkyl.

18. (Previously presented) A compound of claim 10 wherein L^1 is substituted by $-C(O)R_x$, wherein R_x is NR_aR_b and R_a and R_b are independently hydrogen or $C_1 - C_{10}$ alkyl.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

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24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 2 which is a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound of formula I which is

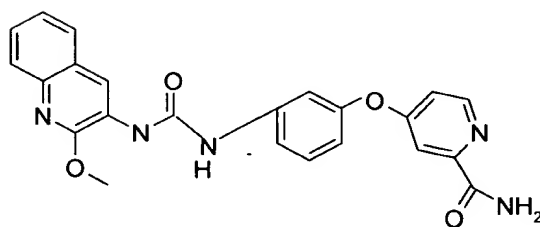
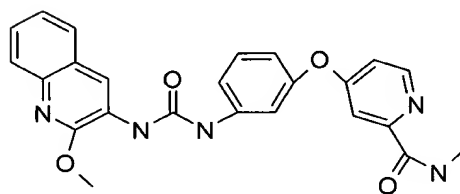
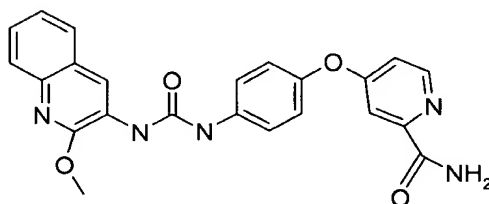
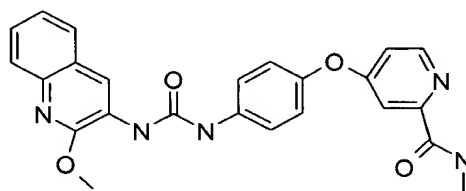
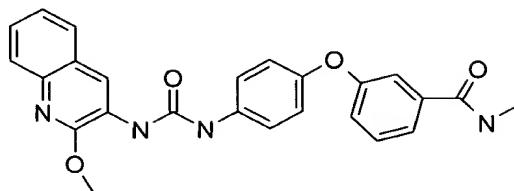
a) a basic salt of an organic acid or inorganic acid which is hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulphuric acid, phosphoric acid, methanesulfonic acid, trifluorosulfonic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, p-toluene sulfonic acid (tosylate salt), 1-naphthalene sulfonic acid, 2-naphthalene sulfonic acid, acetic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, malic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, lactic acid, oxalic acid, succinic acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, benzoic acid, salicylic acid, phenylacetic acid, or mandelic acid; and

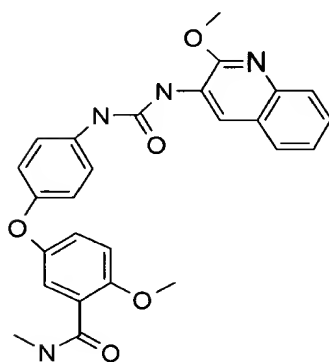
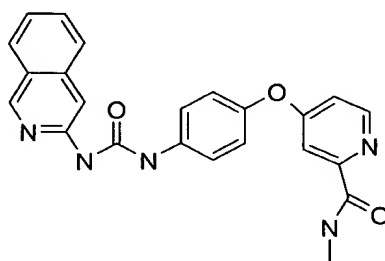
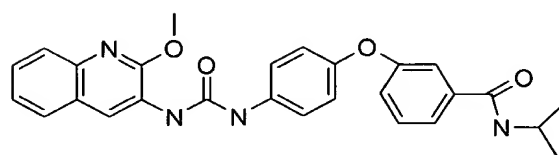
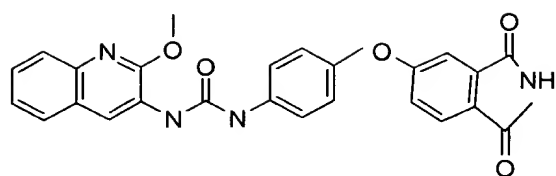
b) an acid salt of an organic or inorganic base containing a cation which is an alkaline cation, alkaline earth cation, the ammonium cation, an aliphatic substituted ammonium cation or an aromatic substituted ammonium cation.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of Formula I of claim 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound of formula I, and a physiologically acceptable carrier.

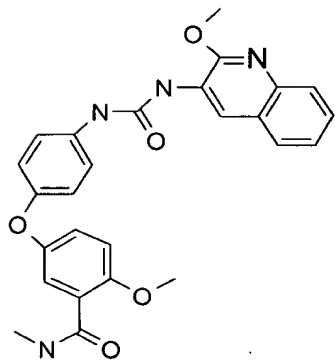
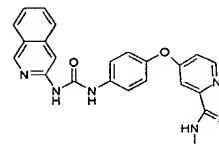
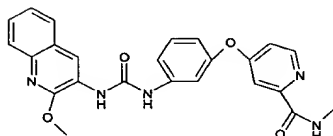
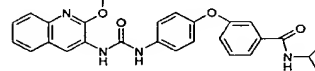
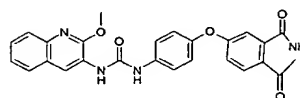
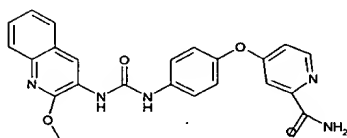
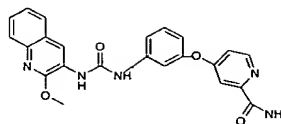
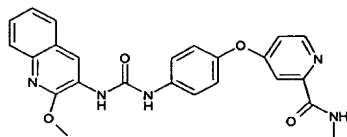
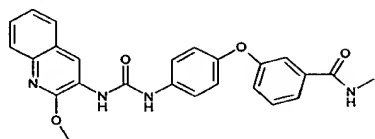
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34. (Previously Presented) A compound which is





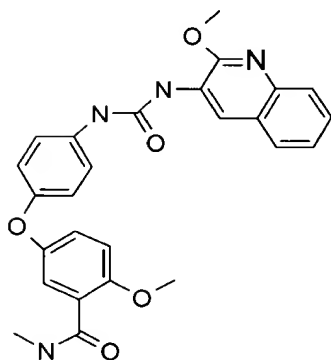
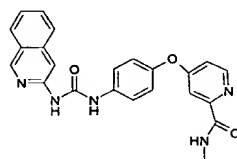
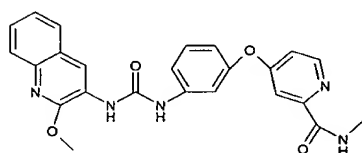
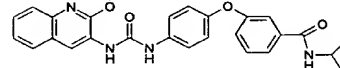
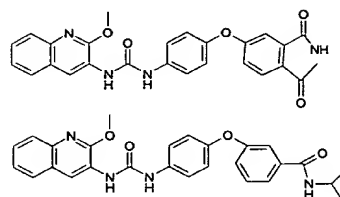
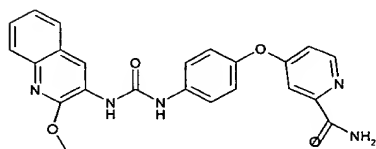
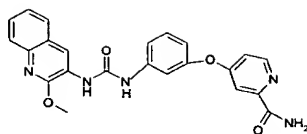
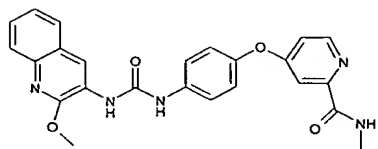
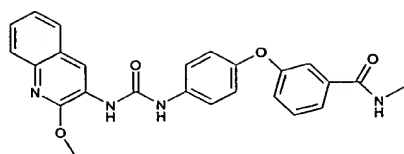
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

35. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound which is



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a physiologically acceptable carrier.

36. (Currently amended) A method for treating colorectal cancer ~~inhibiting raf~~ ~~kinase~~ in a host, comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound which is



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

37. (Currently Amended) A compound of Formula I:

A - D - B (I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

D is -NH-C(O)-NH- ,

A is of the formula: $-L-(M-L^1)_q$, where L is phenyl bound directly to D, L^1 is pyridinyl, M is oxygen and q is 1; and

B is a substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl group,

wherein L^1 is substituted by $-C(O)R_x$,

R_x is NR_aR_b where R_a and R_b are

~~independently hydrogen or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_1 - C_{10} alkoxy, C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{10} alkenyl, C_1 - C_{10} alkenoyl, C_6 - C_{12} aryl, C_3 - C_{12} hetaryl which is a 5-12 carbon atom aromatic ring system of 1-3 rings, at least one of which is aromatic, in which 1-3 carbon atoms are replaced by heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, 5-6 membered C_3 - C_{12} cycloalkyl having 0-3 heteroatoms selected from N, S and O, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkoxy, substituted 5-6 membered C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, having 0-3 heteroatoms selected from N, S and O, substituted C_6 - C_{12} aryl, substituted C_3 - C_{12} hetaryl which is a 5-12 carbon atom aromatic ring system of 1-3 rings, at least one of which is aromatic, in which 1-3 carbon atoms are replaced by heteroatoms selected from N, S and O, where R_a and R_b are a substituted group, they are substituted by halogen up to per halo, hydroxy or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl;~~

where B is substituted, L is substituted or L^1 is additionally substituted, the substituents are selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halo, and W_n , where n is 0-3;

wherein each W is independently $-CN$, $-CO_2R^7$, $-C(O)NR^7R^7$, $-C(O)-R^7$, $-NO_2$, $-OR^7$, $-SR^7$, $-NR^7R^7$, $-NR^7C(O)OR^7$, $-NR^7C(O)R^7$, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_1 - C_{10} alkoxy, C_2 - C_{10} alkenyl, C_1 - C_{10} alkenoyl, C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrazolyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuryl, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkoxy, substituted C_2 - C_{10} alkenyl, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkenoyl, substituted C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl substituted phenyl, substituted pyridinyl, substituted pyrazolyl substituted piperazinyl, substituted morpholinyl, substituted piperidinyl, substituted pyrrolidinyl, or substituted tetrahydrofuryl, where W is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents which are each, independently, $-CN$, $-CO_2R^7$, $-C(O)R^7$, $-C(O)NR^7R^7$, $-OR^7$, $-SR^7$, $-NR^7R^7$, $-NO_2$, $-NR^7C(O)R^7$, $-NR^7C(O)OR^7$ or halogen,

~~C₆-C₁₄-aryl, C₃₋₁₂-hetaryl which is a 5-12 carbon atom aromatic ring system of 1-3 rings, at least one of which is aromatic, in which 1-3 carbon atoms are replaced by heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, optionally substituted by one or more substituents which are, independently, -CN, -CO₂R⁷, -C(O)R⁷, -C(O)NR⁷R⁷, -OR⁷, -SR⁷, -NR⁷R⁷, -NO₂, -NR⁷C(O)R⁷, -NR⁷C(O)OR⁷ or halogen up to per halo; with each R⁷ independently C₁-C₁₀-alkyl, C₁-C₁₀-alkoxy, C₂-C₁₀-alkenyl, C₁-C₁₀-alkenoyl, C₃-C₁₀-cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₄-aryl, C₃₋₁₂-hetaryl which is a 5-12 carbon atom aromatic ring system of 1-3 rings, at least one of which is aromatic, in which 1-3 carbon atoms are replaced by heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, up to per halo substituted C₃-C₁₃-hetaryl which is a 5-12 carbon atom aromatic ring system of 1-3 rings, at least one of which is aromatic, in which 1-3 carbon atoms are replaced by heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, up to per halo substituted C₁-C₁₀-alkyl, up to per halo substituted C₃-C₁₀-cycloalkyl or up to per halo substituted C₆-C₁₄-aryl.~~

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) A compound as in claim 37 wherein the cyclic structures of B and L bound directly to D are substituted in the ortho position by hydrogen.

40. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 37 wherein B of Formula I is a substituted pyridyl, substituted quinoliny or isoquinoliny group substituted 1 to 3 times by 1 or more substituents which are each independently -CN, halogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy, -OH, up to per halo substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, up to per halo substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy or phenyl substituted by halogen up to per halo.

41. (Canceled)

42. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 37 wherein L¹ is additionally substituted 1 to 3 times by one or more substituents which are each, independently, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, up to per halo substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, -CN, -OH, halogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy or up to per halo substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy.

43 (Canceled)

44, (Canceled)

45. (Currently amended) A compound as in claim 37 wherein substituents for B and L and additional substituents for L¹, are each, independently, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, up to per halo substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, CN, OH, halogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy or up to per halo substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy.

46. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 37 which is a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound of formula I which is

- a) a basic salt of an organic acid or inorganic acid which is hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, methanesulfonic acid, trifluorosulfonic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, p-toluene sulfonic acid (tosylate salt), 1-napthalene sulfonic acid, 2-napthalene sulfonic acid, acetic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, malic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, lactic acid, oxalic acid, succinic acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, benzoic acid, salicylic acid, phenylacetic acid, or mandelic acid; and
- b) an acid salt of an organic or inorganic base containing a cation which is an alkaline cation, alkaline earth cation, the ammonium cation, an aliphatic substituted ammonium cation or an aromatic substituted ammonium cation.

47. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 37 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound of formula I, and a physiologically acceptable carrier.

48. (cancelled)

49. (cancelled)